

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-162. (Canceled).

163. (New) A method of delivering a beneficial substance to a subject comprising the steps of:

(a) implanting a silicon implant into a human or animal, the implant comprising: a silicon barrier region comprising porous silicon, a first beneficial substance comprising at least part of the porous silicon, and a second beneficial substance comprising elemental sulfur,

(b) allowing the barrier region to at least partly erode;

steps (a) and (b) being performed such that release of the first beneficial substance and release of the second beneficial substance is sequential.

164. (New) A method according to claim 163 wherein the implant comprises polycrystalline silicon, at least part of the sulfur being distributed in the polycrystalline silicon.

165. (New) A method according to claim 163 wherein the barrier region comprises tissue compatible porous silicon.

166. (New) A method according to claim 163 wherein the barrier region erodes over a period of greater than one month.